

Amendments to the Claims

This listing of claims replaces all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

Claims 1-37 (Cancelled).

Claim 38. (New) A refrigerator shelf defined by a one-piece open frame made of substantially homogeneous polymeric/copolymeric molded synthetic material and a piece of glass closing an opening defined by said frame; said open frame having opposite substantially parallel side frame portions and opposite substantially parallel front and rear frame portions; said glass piece having opposite substantially parallel side edges and opposite substantially parallel front and rear edges; said side, front and rear frame portions being substantially contiguous to said respective side, front and rear edges; each of side frame portions being defined by an upper wall, a side wall depending from each upper wall and a lower wall projecting from its side wall toward an opposite side wall with the opposing lower walls being spaced from each other and each defining with an associated upper wall a glass piece side edge-receiving channel, each upper wall and lower wall having a terminal free edge, said glass piece side edges being spaced a predetermined distance from each other, said upper wall terminal free edges being spaced a predetermined distance from each other, said lower wall terminal free edges being spaced a predetermined distance from each other, whereby said glass piece side edges are captively retained in said glass piece side edge-receiving channels, each lower wall including an end edge portion.

Claim 39. (New) The refrigerator compartment as defined in claim 38 wherein said frame and glass piece include a bond therebetween.

Claim 40. (New) The refrigerator shelf as defined in claim 38 wherein said frame and glass piece include an adhesive therebetween.

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Claim 41. (New) The refrigerator shelf as defined in claim 38 wherein said front frame portion and said rear frame portion are each defined by an upper wall, a side wall depending from each upper wall and a lower wall defining with its associated latter-mentioned upper wall a glass piece front edge-receiving channel and a glass piece rear edge-receiving channel; each said rear frame portion and front frame portion upper wall and lower wall having a terminal free edge, said glass piece front and rear edges being spaced a predetermined distance from each other, said front frame portion rear and frame portion upper wall terminal free edges being spaced a predetermined distance from each other, said front frame portion and rear frame portion lower wall terminal free edges being spaced a predetermined distance from each other, whereby said glass piece front and rear edges are captively retained in said glass piece front and rear edge-receiving channels.

Claim 42. (New) The refrigerator shelf as defined in claim 41 wherein said frame and glass piece include a bond therebetween.

Claim 43. (New) The refrigerator shelf as defined in claim 41 wherein said frame and glass piece include an adhesive therebetween.
